

JAKE LOST THE SUIT.

The Other Fellows Had a Written Lease For the Farm.

Jake Troutman, the beginning and the end of Troutman station, was the defendant in a most exciting lawsuit in the court of Justice Smith yesterday. H. Boone and O. D. Sims and Jacob for possession of a farm of 37 acres near Troutman station. Jake has turned the place for the past 20 years and he claimed that he had been in possession of the land for another 20 years. J. W. Richmond who had purchased the farm, Boone and Sims had written a lease for the land from 1880 to 1890 and the lease was not renewed. They brought suit to compel Jake to vacate the premises. The court held that he had, after receiving the proceeds of the land from Boone, made no improvements on the land in the way of repairing the fences, and had done no work in order to get a crop. Jake, Boone and J. E. Boone, one of the witnesses for the plaintiffs, their testimony overbalanced Troutman to such an extent that the court was compelled to render a decision against Jake. An appeal was taken and the court is now to turn the case over to the higher court. As yet Jake is still in possession of the farm.

A few days ago John A. Brown filed a writ of habeas corpus to collect a writ of habeas corpus for the sale of some real estate. There was a hearing before Justice O'Mara and yesterday the case was taken under advisement of the court and will be heard on the 15th.

Jake A. Hill was the owner of a poor old woman who was arrested in the court of Justice Smith yesterday on the charge of vagrancy. The evidence was not sufficient to prove that she was a vagrant and she was released. The woman had no visible means of support and the court sentenced her to 30 days in jail and then allowed her 24 hours to leave the city which she refused to do.

A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Champaign, Ill., that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so sore he could not sleep without great pain, and in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Burets which effected such a wonderful change that he was able to feed like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

Mrs. Huddleston Dead.

Mrs. Kate G. Huddleston, whose residence was at 522 Walton Place, Chicago, died yesterday. The funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock. It will be entirely private.

Mr. Huddleston was the secretary of the Chicago Women's Club for several terms and the corresponding secretary of the general federation during its early years. She was one of the most prominent

club women in Chicago. She has many acquaintances and several warm friends in Decatur. She attended the meeting of the state federation held last May and at that time was entertained by Captain and Mrs. George R. Bacon. Since that time she and Mrs. Bacon have been warm friends and corresponded during Mrs. Huddleston's trip abroad last year, and since her return to Chicago.

The deceased has not been in good health for some time and the trip abroad was taken with a hope that it would benefit her.

THE SUN'S ECLIPSE

Railroads Plan to Run Observation Cars in Belt of Totality.

"All aboard for the eclipse" will be the order by depot porters May 29 at stations along the railroads whose lines will be plunged into darkness through the occultation of the sun by the moon. Several lines are conducting the advisability of running observation specials. The Southern railway whose line from Louisville to New Orleans is especially favored, in that it runs through the fifty-mile strip of totality, decided to declare an excursion rate of four cents a mile for the round trip. Presidents of colleges and scientific organizations as well as youthful couples to whom darkness of an eclipse is an enticing new railroad tunnel, invited to chase the black belt caused by the moon's intuitive imperfections. The period of occultation varies from two to nearly three hours at different points of totality.

Every college professor will be expected to bring his own telescope, and no more instruments than there are windows will be permitted in a car. Notices will be posted that the company will not be responsible for losses sustained against bridges.

Decatur will experience the eclipse, but the occultation will not be complete. From 7:04 to 9:03 a. m. Luna will become in transit. Throughout the states the darkening will be visible, but Norfolk, Raleigh, New Orleans and Mobile are the cities that will be favored by inclusion within the 50 mile strip of totality.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Benick Hamilton of Was Jefferson, Ill., after suffering 18 months from rectal prolapse, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with Buckner's Anemia Syrup, the best in the world. Surest cure on earth. 25c a box, at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

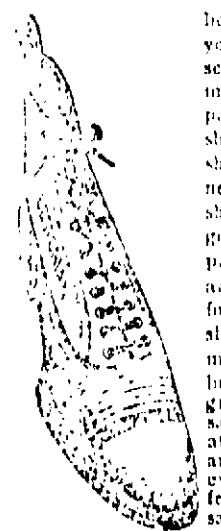
Undertakers to Meet.

The 20th annual convention of the Illinois State Undertakers' Association will meet in Peoria June 12, 13, 14. None of the Decatur undertakers are members of the association and consequently are not down on the program, but it is understood that one or more of the local undertakers will apply for admission to the association at the coming meeting.

Marriage Licenses.

Elmer E. Gibson, Macomb, 35
Norma L. Gordon, Macomb, 25

The Secret of Running a Successful Shoe Store



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Don't Apologize.

RIDE A CLEVELAND OR A CRESCENT

Looks like most of the good people of Decatur were buying Cleverlands or Crescents.

Wonder Why?

They know the same dealers have handled them for nine years and may handle them for nine more.

SATISFACTION IS WORTH SOMETHING.

Decatur Gun Co.

ARCHIE F. WILSON, Prop.

134 East Prairie Street.

One way to carry fractions in the head is to make a remark which detracts from a policeman's dignity.

H. Clark, Champaign, Ill., says DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured him of piles that had afflicted him for twenty years. It is also a speedy cure for skin diseases. Beware of cheap counterfeits. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

When anything happens to a small boy it is invariably a few minutes before the school bell rings.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
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No doubt the earth is in the air that we frequently read about are built of gold bricks.

"I think DeWitt's Little Early Rider are the best pills in the world," says W. E. Laker, Happy Creek, Va. They remove all obstructions of the liver and bowels, act quickly and never gripe. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

About the time the friends of a modest, unassuming girl began to think she is out for an old maid she fools them by getting married.

Otto Korh, Grand Chancellor, K. P. Bazaarville, Ind., says: "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve soothes the most delicate skin and heals the most stubborn ulcer with certainty and good results." Cures piles and skin diseases. Don't buy an imitation. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

The hour of anticipation is often more pleasing than the instant of realization.

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Even a fool gets credit for wisdom he doesn't possess when he appreciates the bright things you say.

No family can afford to be without One Minute Cough Cure. It will stop a cough and cure a cold quicker than any other medicine," writes C. W. Williams, Silerling Run, Pa. It cures croup, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles and prevents consumption. Pleasant and harmless. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

Prudence isn't naturally nature never protects.

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Thoughts that disturb men must never enter a woman's head.

J. L. Carson, Prothonotary Washington, Pa., says: "I have found Kodol Dyspepsia Cure an excellent remedy in case of stomach trouble, and have derived great benefit from its use." It digests what you eat and cannot fail to cure. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

Unless a man is sincere, he can never be a hero in his own estimation.

W. H. Shipman, Boardley, Miss., under oath says he suffered from dyspepsia for twenty-five years. Doctors and dieting gave but little relief. Finally he used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and now eats what he likes and as much as he wants, and he feels like a new man. It digests what you eat. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

Towards sleep at night when they are afraid. Women laugh at love for the same reason.

W. W. Mayhew, Merton, Wis., says: "I consider One Minute Cough Cure a most wonderful medicine, quick and safe." It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, gripper, whooping cough, pneumonia and all throat and lung diseases. Its early use prevents consumption. Children always like it and mothers endorse it. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

Some people are like elder—sweet enough until it's time to work.

Cleanse the liver, purify the blood, invigorate the body by using DeWitt's Little Early Rider. These famous little pills act promptly. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Kroen.

When a man feels blue because of his debts everything else assumes a blue color.

Edw. Your Hobbies With Castorals.

Most of the presidential bids that got into men's bonnets buzz in vain.

To Cure Constipation.

It sometimes happens that a plain cook is quite pretty.

Nearly every person needs a tonic medicine at this time of year to brace up and invigorate the nervous system, to cleanse the bowels, liver and kidneys, HERBINE is the best and safest remedy to do this, as it will cure constipation, regulate the liver and enrich the blood. Price 60 cents. John King's and Swearingen's drug store.

The milk of human kindness isn't the kind the cat enjoys.

Neuralgia, pains, rheumatism, lumbago and sciatic pains, yield to the penetrating influence of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. Price, 25 and 50 cents. John King's and Swearingen's drug stores.

A wise man never considers a woman's age.

WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE not only effectually destroys worms, it also increases the appetite, aids assimilation and transforms a frail infant into one of robust health. Price 25 cents. John King's and Swearingen's drug stores.

A medical Journal advises ladies to exercise with dumbbells. There seems to be a base and ungentlemanly insinuation wrapped up in this suggestion.

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Mixed Marriage.
Paris Beaucon: William Alexander Davis, a coal black coal miner of Danville, Ill., and Miss Martha Davis, a white woman of Decatur, Ill., were united in marriage Monday by Justice George F. Howard. The couple found considerable difficulty in getting some one to tie the knot owing to the fact that they were not the same color. Judge Hendley and a few others refused. After they had been married it was difficult to find anyone to sign the certificate. The female could not read or write and did not know the place of her birth or her father's name, being in fact only a few degrees removed from an idiot. Davis had plenty of money and seemed to understand his business.

Banker Rout's a Robber.
J. R. Garrison, cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of \$5,000 by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with cough, colds or any throat, chest or lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

Fish Bite.
A party of fishermen who were at Belzer Lake on Sunday report that the fish are biting. This party secured half a dozen bass and several catfish.

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BUT LITTLE NEWS IS COMING

Few Details Indicate the English Are Saving Their Forces.

THE DARING BOERS BUT

Continue to Harass the British at Different Points—Beginning of 7th Month

London, April 13.—In a round up of London news that Roberts, who was the Prince of Wales at Capri, began congratulations upon his recent assumption, added two or three hopeful sentences, portending an advance with wide reaching combinations. Quiet assurances are passed among military men that Roberts is playing his great army effectively and the adventurous Boer commander is nearly crushed. Scarcely a detail here and another there, a school England tonight over completely idle cables, but do not flatter the situation.

The colonels at Wepener still hold the Boers. Muthen has worked eastward he is within 80 miles of Kimberley. The Boers have gone around Ladysmith and have appeared at Dordrecht and places on Buller's flank and rear. Officers of Buller's irregulars have made the Boers in Natal at 15,000. These figures are probably excessive, and being regarded here as the out-looker.

After General Buller's brigade left, Buller will still have close upon 600 men. It is generally assumed that the Boers are going to take Roberts, but the situation is really unknown. A note to Portugal regarding the use of British of the Boer route for transport of troops to Rhodesia may, if Boers act against Portugal, direct British to land troops at Lourenco Marques. This possibility has been only discussed and is referred to in the morning papers today.

The work of the Boer peace conference has begun. Fischer has asked to intervene, and the Italian minister foreign affairs, Marquis Di Visconti Venosta, has replied that while he would like to transmit their proposals to the British, he could do so only following the course of the conference.

Sir Alfred Milner, when replying to a deputation of clergymen in Cape yesterday said:

"Never again" must be the motto thinking humane men, but not to the least of conquest or desire to triumph, of illegitimate men. There is no compromise or patchwork in settlement, and no opportunity for a degrading, intrigue or revival of old ambitions, or accumulation of monstrous armaments.

The British will no longer tolerate a similar antagonistic political system in a country which the nature of history declared to be one.

In these absolute utterances Sir Milner says he speaks for the British government.

It is calculated Roberts now has 12,000 men, with 12,000 more or under orders. The war office instructed officers not to take any pending bullets to Africa for reinforcements. Lord Roberts, brother of the King, is the course of an intrepid Bloemfontein, said:

"The original plan of the Boers, to overrun all Cape Colony, but on being involved in the sieges of Kimberley and Ladysmith the Boers have been forced to alter their plan. To this they attribute failure to conquer the British. The war is not lost until Christmas."

Eleventh month of the war is over with Easter and the morning editorialists expatiate upon the Boer losses.

The Casualty List.

London, April 12.—The war office this afternoon a return of the total casualties up to April 7. It was as follows:

Killed in action, officers, 21; men, 1,300.

Died of wounds, officers 42; men, 3,722.

Mixed and prisoners, officers, 3; men, 372.

Died of disease, officers 47; men, 4,000.

Accidental deaths, officers, 3; men, 1,000.

Reputedly invalids, officers 2; men, 400.

Total, officers, and men, 13,300. These figures are exclusive of and wounded now in the hospital. To them must be added the killed last week and the wounded, making about 10,000 men, making total of upwards of 23,000 killed men put out of action.

Battle at Wepener.

Pretoria, April 12.—Advices from Wepener, where the British forces

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